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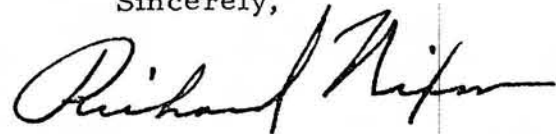
Dear Russ:

On May 23, 1972, I signed in Moscow the Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Environmental Protection Between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The agreement provides for the establishment of a US-USSR Joint Committee on Cooperation in the Field of Environmental Protection to oversee the process by which this cooperation is carried out.

I am pleased to designate you as Chairman for the United States side of the Joint Committee, and as U. S. Coordinator for the bilateral agreement. In this latter capacity, you should do all you can to see that interested departments and agencies of our Government participate in the Joint Committee's work.

As a first, implementing step, you should arrange for consultations with your Soviet counterparts in the near future in Moscow on specific cooperative projects to be carried out under the environmental agreement. I look forward to receiving your report on the results of these consultations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard Nixon", written in a cursive style.

The Honorable Russell E. Train  
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